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**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BAUER WARNS OF
TELEPHONE SCAM TARGETING SC SENIORS**

(Columbia) - Lieutenant Governor Andre Bauer has recently become aware of a telephone scam involving South Carolina seniors and their ability to vote. As the head of the state's Office on Aging, Mr. Bauer is most concerned with the protection of the Palmetto State's senior population.

"It was brought to my attention that people from out of state are deliberately trying to defraud some seniors here in South Carolina, and that angers me to no end," Bauer said. "When these charlatans attempt to take advantage of such a trusting generation of Americans simply for their own greed, it infuriates me. I want to make sure no one is harmed in any way, and that we find and punish those who are responsible."

The scam in question has apparently originated in New Jersey, where someone is calling seniors in South Carolina and telling them they are no longer registered to vote. The caller then asks the senior for personal information, including their Social Security number, which would never be asked for over the phone by any legitimate voter registration employees.

"I urge anyone who has been called or even knows of someone who has been called to contact their county law enforcement authorities immediately," Bauer added. "Seniors deserve so much better, and this office will do all it can to see that fraudulent scams like this becomes a thing of the past."

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